

CHAPTER 10

SECTION 4.1

PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD): PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER

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I. POLICY

A. Program for Persons with Disabilities (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped) professional services providers may not be employed by an Institutional Provider or under a contract which provides for payment to the PFPWD professional provider by an Institutional Provider.

B. Allowable PFPWD providers of professional services are:

1. Corporations that provide principally professional services;
2. Professional corporations;
3. Professional associations;
4. Individuals who are approved as Individual Professional Providers;
5. Qualified educators;
6. Qualified respiratory therapists.

II. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. PFPWD professional service provider claims are to be priced and paid in the same manner as Individual Professional Provider claims.

B. Respiratory therapist.

1. Respiratory therapy provided by an approved PFPWD respiratory therapist is allowable when the service is (a) directly related to the PFPWD qualifying condition and (b) is determined by the contractor to be medically necessary as defined in [32 CFR 199.2](#).
2. Contractors may obtain the current list of states that license respiratory therapists from the National Board for Respiratory Care Executive Office, 8310 Nieman Road, Lexena, KS 66214 (913/599-4200).

3. Membership in the American Association for Respiratory Care or the National Society for Cardiovascular Technology/National Society for Pulmonary Technology is acceptable professional organization membership in lieu of state license in those states which do not license respiratory therapists.

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